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Atty.'s Docket: VAN EIJK-17 In Re Application of: Confirmation No.: 2423 Michael J.T. VAN EIJK Art Unit: 1637 Application No.: 10/560,968 Examiner: Joyce TUNG National Phase Entered: March 19, 2007 Washington, D.C. For: MEANS AND METHODS FOR THE DETECTION OF TARGET NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES USING LIGATION ASSAYS WITH IMPROVED Date: June 14, 2010 OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBE PAIRS U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop AMENDMENT 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Sir: Transmitted herewith is a Response and Amendment in the above-identified application. [] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. [] No additional fee is required. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below: (Col. 1) (Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY CLAIMS HIGHEST NO. PRESENT RATE ADDITIONAL ADDITIONAL OR RATE REMAINING **PREVIOUSLY EXTRA** FEE FEE AFTER PAID FOR **EQUALS** AMENDMENT TOTAL 39 MINUS 41 0 26 \$ 52 \$ INDEP 2 MINUS 0 110 \$ 220 \$ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM 195 \$ 390 \$ ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL 1 5 OR TOTAL \$ If the entry in Coi. 1 is less than the entry in Coi. 2, write "0" in Coi. 3. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed. [XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. [XX] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below: Small Entity Other Than Small Entity Response Filed Within Response Filed Within First - \$ 65.00 [XX] First - \$ 130.00 Second - \$ 245.00 Second - \$ 490.00 ~ \$ 555.00 [] Third Third - \$ 1110.00 [] Fourth - \$ 865.00 [] Fourth - \$ 1730.00 Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set [] Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of time on Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ [XX] Payment in the amount of \$130.00 will be made using the online filing system. [] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$_. [] A check in the amount of \$__ _ is attached (check no.). The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees

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